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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-14 and 16-24 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-13 and 16-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 14 and 21-24 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____ . |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

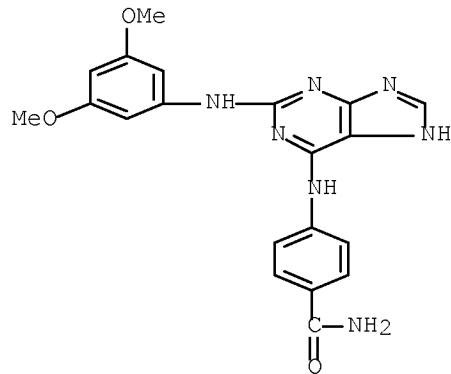
A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

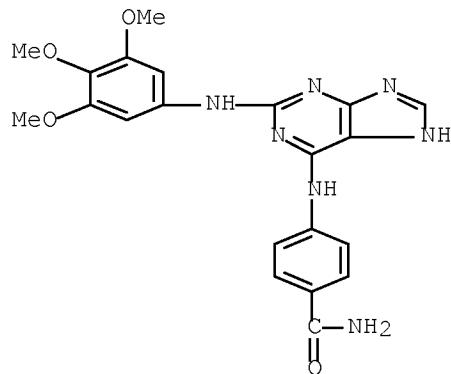
Claims 1, 16-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by 6589950.

The reference is the equivalent of WO 01/09134, and the PCT pub date of 2/8/2001 is relied on.

See Example 147:



See Example 151:



These correspond to R17=H, B=choice (a), with E and F ring as phenyl and R2 as aminocarbonyl. A= choice (b), X1= NH, R3=R4=methoxy, m=1 or 2.

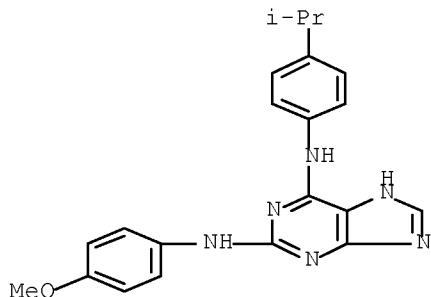
Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1, 2, 5-9, 16-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over 6897307.

See example 3, experiment H:



This corresponds to R17=H, B=choice (a), with E and F ring as phenyl and R2 as isopropyl. A= choice (b), X1= NH, R3= methoxy, m=1. The difference is that this has R4=H, whereas the claims call for R4=methyl (note that roles of R3 and R4 can be reversed), i.e. the claimed compounds have an extra methyl (or two extra methyls for claim 6). However, the reference teaches such as equivalence, as R3 (or R4, R6 or R7) can be H or methyl; seen column 2, lines 59-61). Hence, the option of an additional methyl is taught by the reference. The compounds are used to inhibit the protein tyrosine kinase syk (column 6, lines 34-35).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

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Claims 1-13, 16-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

The phrase “a quaternary amine thereof” is unclear. Quaternized with what? And in any case, a counterion is not provided for.

Claim 18 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

1. What does “ligand” mean? This is a very general term. If this actually refers to a compound attached to the metal of a catalyst, then it would already be part of the catalyst. If it does not so refer, what is it?
2. The product I-g in step f is wrong. The group at the end must be -CH₂-OH, not -OH.
3. The omnibus process, near the end of the claim, “or, if desired, further converting compounds of formula (I) into each other following art-known transformations” is of unknown scope. It would appear to cover, for example, converting R₃=methoxy to R₃=ethoxy. How would that be done?

Claim 18 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, because the specification, while being enabling for X₁ choices for A (in option a) of claim 18) or B (in option b) of claim 18) bound on the left by N, O or S, does not reasonably provide enablement for X₁ choices bound on the left by C. The specification does not enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make the invention commensurate in scope with these claims.

Consider a simple case where for choice (b), X1 is alkanediyl, so that A is choice (b), and the reactant in option a) would thus be H₃C-Ph(R₄)(R₃). There is simply no way that a H atom will leave this to form the -H₂C-Ph(R₄)(R₃) substituent.

Claim 18 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, because the specification, while being enabling in step c) for R17b as optionally substituted benzyl or phenethyl, does not reasonably provide enablement for other choices, e.g. methyl. The specification does not enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make the invention commensurate in scope with these claims. If R17b is simple alkyl, acid will not cleave it.

Claim Objections

Claims 14 and 21-24 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to /Mark L. Berch/ whose telephone number is 571-272-0663. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7:15 - 3:45.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James O. Wilson can be reached on (571)272-0661. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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